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## **FORMER UNION FINANCIAL SECRETARY SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT OF UNION FUNDS**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

INDIANAPOLIS - Keith W. Hart, 32, of Mt. Vernon, Ind., was sentenced to three years of probation today by U.S. District Chief Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to embezzlement by a labor organization officer. As a condition of probation, Hart must serve the first six months of his probation term in a work release center. This case was the result of an investigation by the Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards.

While working as the financial secretary of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Union, Local 315-G, Hart, between November 1, 2006 and July 9, 2007, embezzled union funds. Hart committed the embezzlement of funds by writing checks to himself, making unauthorized cash withdrawals and receiving cash back from a bank deposit. An audit of the financial records of the union determined that Hart embezzled a total of \$13,904 from the Union's accounts.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge Young ordered Hart to make restitution in the amount of \$13,904 to the Union, to submit to testing for use of illegal drugs and to participate in a drug abuse prevention program while on probation.

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